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- 1. USINT HAS NO INFORMATION ON HOW MANY U.S. JOURNALISTS ATTENDED THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND HAS AS YET SEEN NO BY-LINES. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AT LEAST ONE WAS INVITED, BUT DID NOT RECEIVE WORD UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.
- 2. DOUGLAS WATSON, CAIRO-BASED BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT, IS IN TOWN NOW, ATTEMPTING TO SEE AND LEARN. MININFO IS ASSISTING AS USUAL, AND WATSON SEEMS SATISFIED THUS FAR.
- 3. COMMENT: IF THIS KEEPS UP MUCH LONGER, THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN NEWSMAN WILL NOT BE OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE. AT PRESENT, AS PART OF WHAT CAN ONLY--BUT HESITANTLY--BE DESCRIBED AS THE GOI'S LIBERALIZATION POLICY, IT IS AN ITEM, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE LOCAL PRESS HAS PUBLICIZED WATSON'S VISIT AND HIS MEETING WITH THE MINSTATE FOR COORDINATION WITH THE AUTONOMOUS AREA. PECK

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